

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (previously presented) An alignable label system for two dimensional alignment with a folder having a first linear edge and a second edge having a curvature, comprising:

- a label sheet having a central split line , said label sheet having a line separating a label from a second portion;
- a backing member applied to the label and having a split line;
- an alignment section on said second portion the alignment section separable from the label, and including an edge shaped generally to conform to the curved edge of the folder;

wherein when one portion of the backing member is removed, one half of the label is exposed along with the curved edge so that the label may be maintained in alignment with the folder by engagement of the curved section of the second part with the curved edge of the folder, while the exposed side of the label is affixed to the folder.

Claim 33 (previously presented) The label form of claim 32, wherein the curved edge is proximate at least one end of the label.

Claim 34 (previously presented) A method of aligning and applying a label to the edge of a folder, the folder having a linear edge and a curved edge, the label being removably affixed to a label backing sheet and also having separable alignment section surrounding at least part of the label, comprising:

- a removing a portion of the backing member from the label by separating the backing sheet along a split line;

- b. aligning the linear and curved edges of the alignment section to like edges of the folder;
- c. applying the label to the folder;
- d. peeling off the remaining backing member along the split line; and
- e. folding the label over the edge of the folder.

Claim 35 (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the label includes a top side adapted for being printed on.

Claim 36 (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the curved edge is "S"-shaped.

Claim 37 (previously presented) The label form of claim 32, wherein the curved edge is "S"-shaped.

Claim 38 (previously presented) A label system for alignment of a label on a folder before affixation, the folder having a linear edge and a curved edge, the system comprising:

- a. a label sheet having a base backing member with a split line,
- b. a label on said backing member;
- c. a second portion on said backing member, said label sheet having a line separating the label from the second portion;
- d. an alignment section on said second portion shaped to generally conform to the curved edge of the folder;

so that, when a portion of the backing member is removed, at least part of the label and second portion are exposed and positionable along the linear and curved edges, so that the label may be reliably maintained in registration with linear and curved edges of the folder before it is affixed to the folder.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38 wherein said curved portion on said second portion is spaced from said label, so that said label may be affixed to the folder distant from the curved portion of thereof.

40. (previously presented) The system of claim 38 wherein said label is adhesive on the surface contacting the backing member.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein said label sheet includes a plurality of labels and second portions, with die cut lines therebetween.

42 (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38 wherein said die cut separates the second portion into first and second parts, and wherein the label split line, at least in part, follows a curve which is substantially the same as the folder's curved edge.

43. (Previously Presented) The method claim 34 wherein the step of removing a portion of the backing member from the label by separating the backing sheet along a split line includes removing a portion of the second portion together with the backing member from the label by separating the backing sheet along a split line.

44. (Original) In a label system for alignment of a label on a folder before affixation, the folder having a linear edge and a non-linear edge, a label sheet having backing member with a split line, a label on said backing member; a second portion on said backing member, said label sheet having a line separating the label from the second portion; the improvement comprising:

an alignment section on said one of said portions shaped to generally to conform to the curved edge of the folder;

so that, when a portion of the backing member is removed, at least part of the label and second portion are exposed and positionable along the linear and curved edges, so that the label may be reliably maintained in registration with linear and curved edges of the folder before it is affixed to the folder.

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